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Applicants:	Weichang Zhou <i>et al.</i>		
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This communication is in response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement mailed June 2, 2006 in the above-identified application, having a one-month period for response set to expire July 2, 2006. Enclosed herewith please find a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time extending the period for response until August 2, 2006.

Claims 1-46 are currently pending in the present application.

Requirement for Restriction

The Restriction Requirement sets forth the following groups of claims which are, allegedly, not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept in accordance with PCT Rule 13.1:


- Group I: claims 1-30, drawn to a method of large scale virus production; where the special technical feature is, allegedly, the use of gas sparging in virus production.
- Group II: claims 31-35-37-41, 43 and 45, drawn to a method of producing a virus seed stock free of cell lysis components; where the special technical feature is, allegedly, the production and harvesting of intracellular and extracellular virus from host cells without the aid of any added cell lysis component.
- Group III: claims 36, 42, 44 and 46, drawn to an unclarified virus seed stock; where the special technical feature is, allegedly, the production and harvesting of intracellular and extracellular virus from host cells without the aid of any added cell lysis component.

In order to advance prosecution on the merits, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-30, without traverse and without prejudice to the prosecution of non-elected claims in related patent applications.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit a favorable action on the merits.

Please note that the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below if such would advance the prosecution of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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